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Impose Residence

Pros. Nos. 1-5
Serial

Subject.

The designation of the of the local Municipal Council is Municipal Committee, not Municipal Board.

Previous References.

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Later References.

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~~Philippine~~
~~relation from~~
~~Manila~~
~~Dr~~

Of
Case in. to be used
the of
Adm. ~~case~~
10/1/1900
to Bureau of
from last ~~case~~
Report. Dr

	Population -	
	<u>1881</u>	<u>1891</u>
(i) Lucknow -	261,300	273,090
(ii) Ajmer -	48,740	67,880
(iii) <u>Bombay</u> -		
Population	93,540	99,560
exclusively		
including town.	155,860	179,670

Submitted.

A.S. S. S. S.

See for the
present result
of the reform
acted for
the State
Municipalities
7/6 W.D.

St. 4. file. 281
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I have looked through
the Madras Municipal
Act, & the Madras
Manual, & can find
nothing on the
subject.

The word Board seems
to be used only as
regards the Municipal
in Madras, where
the Municipalities are
styled District or
Local Boards.

The word Board is
frequently used in the
Government Reports as
Local Self Government
and
subordinate but I have not

See & apply to ^{all Municipalities} ~~the~~ ^{of} Municipality
~~and the~~

The word "Board" has been used by
the G. of India in writing to us
about the C. & D. M. P. Municipality
see Sec ^{para: 2 & 4 of} 7 of File 201
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In File No. 370 of 1890, the Municipalities
at Lucknow & Ajmere were asked whether the
body of Municipal Comm^{rs} were designated
a "board" or "Committee". Replies have now
come in, from which it will be seen that in
Lucknow the designation is a "board", & in Ajmere
a "Committee".

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of File 370
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(Extract placed
in this file as Pl. No. 15)

The President has forwarded the Comm^{rs} resolution
on this subject for "such orders as the President may deem
fit".

Submitted

Ms. 3-7-91 There seems no harm in allowing
the Comm^{rs} to call themselves a "Board"?

Ms. 4-7-91 This is not the point & remarks like
this are both inappropriate & unnecessary

Quesd! The point here is whether the Municipal Comm^{rs}. have a right to call themselves a "Board," or whether they are a "Municipal Committee." I referred Lucknow & Agum Municipalities. The former is designated as a "Board" the latter as a "Committee." Both the terms/according to Dictionary/ can be applied ~~equally~~ to the Body of Municipal Comm^{rs} and the term "Board" has been applied in correspondence by G. I. and used by M. Comm^{rs} here.

Taking the relative population of
i. Lucknow. 273,090 in 91
ii. Agum. 67-880
(iii) Bangalore. 99,560.

The term "Board" may be taken to apply to the Body of Comm^{rs} of large towns and accepting this, the term Municipal Committee is ~~more~~ more appropriate to Bangalore than "Board."

I must not think the question of importance we might file the "Board" resolution & continue to let the M^{rs} keep the title of "Board."

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No.

Dated

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To

President
M.C.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No. 58
of 22 Apr 91 submitting the
^{short handed} detailed proceedings of the
General Meeting of the 28 Mar 91

With reference to subject
13 in which the Board record
them regret that the President
has not followed the usual
course in consulting the
Board before submitting the
alterations to Secs. 11, 12, 13, 14,
22 of the Bangalore Municip.
Reg. of 1883. I am to ask to be
informed on what previous
occasions alterations in the
constitution of the Board have
been submitted to the Board
themselves.

The Municipal Comtee
[which is the proper designation
of the body of Commissioners &
not the Board] I am to

of
P.O. Bangalore
The letter does
not contain the
letter of the
M.C. President
of the 28 Mar 91
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of the 28 Mar 91

They does not understand it for it
~~has not~~ ^{It} exists under certain
regulations of the Govt. which
define its duties and give it
certain powers. Among these
its powers is that of making
Byelaws. The Committee passed
a Byelaw ^{at some distant period} which
a strained Construction prevents
the Resident from exercising
the powers given him under
the regulations of appointing
Ex-officio members of the
Committee. - The Committee was
wrote to to alter the Byelaw
to bring it in conformity
with the Regulations. It declined
to do so & the Resident therefore
obtained the sanction of the
G. of I. calling the Ref. to
strengthen the Byelaw.

~~Under these circumstances~~
~~the Resident should have consulted~~
the Committee ^{the Committee} after it had
already recorded an adverse
opinion ^{it} would have been
a waste of time had the
Resident consulted them.

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 1423
1959/

Dated . 9 - 5 - 189/

To

President.

Municipal Council.

Sir

I am directed to draw

your attention to the use of
the word "Board" as designating the
Body of Municipal Council.

which is constantly used in
correspondence with the office
& in the proceedings sent
to the office for information.

The President is mistaken
why the term is used or of
the authority under which
presumably the Municipal
Council can be designated
as a Board.

I am to say this is of two
kinds unless authorized
term "is" is misleading & back
that it may be continued
the proper designation
of Municipal Council be applied

word?

Resolutions are drafted
after personal consultation
from Sir Oliver. In
an enclosed memo
in file of 81 Sept. 189/.
A
he recorded -

"The Municipal Council
is not a Board I believe
has no business to take
itself on."

2/6. 189/

to the body of Commissioners of
which you are president
"Chair ed
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"BOARD" OR "COMMITTEE?"

THE RESIDENCY HERE OBJECTS TO THE Municipality of the Civil and Military Station calling itself a Municipal "Board," and has told it that it has no authority to use the term. The Municipality is not, according to the Residency, a "Board," but a "Committee." The Municipal Commission, we believe, feel itself properly snubbed, and will never—well, hardly ever—call itself a Board again. But it may, we think, possibly ask—with proper respect, of course—if "Board" is a more, or less, dignified name than "Committee?" A good deal depends on any authoritative answer we may get to this question. What we would like to know is—if a regularly constituted body is in fact a Board why it may not call itself so? And what authority is there needed for the use of the name provided it is really applicable and suitable? Many Municipalities in India use the term "Board," and, for the life of us, we can see no harm in it. The dictionary definition of a "Board" is

"A council seated for deliberation round a table; or the members of such a council or other deliberative body wherever they may be. Many such boards are appointed by Government, as the Board of Trade, the Board of Admiralty, the Poor Law Board; others are made up of directors elected by shareholders in companies.

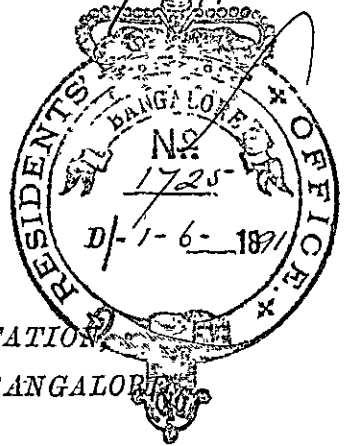
The dictionary definition of a Committee is: "One or more persons elected or deputed to examine, consider and report on any matter or business."

The Municipal Commission, in its constitution and work, answers much more closely to the definition of a Board than of a Committee. The Municipality is in some sort a Town Council, and the Council sits "for deliberation round a table." It is not deputed to examine, consider, and report upon anything; at least that is not by any means a correct definition of its appointment and duties. It is constituted by Government, while some of its members are directly appointed by Government, and others are elected by the people. The Municipal Commissioners, when sitting really form a board of management of Station affairs and Station funds; just as much, we may say, as a Local Fund Board does of a district. In correspondence the term "Board" is handy, and as we have shown, is also appropriate. The official intimation that the Municipality has no "authority" to call itself "a Board" is, in our opinion, frivolous and uncalled for. As well might an officer of the army be told that he has no authority for calling himself a "soldier." We wonder why the Residency seems to be so nettled over so small a matter? Is it because in some recent correspondence, "The answer of the board was less obsequious than usual?"

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CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION
BANGALORE,

Municipal Office, 29 May 1891



From

THE PRESIDENT,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
CIVIL & MILITARY STATION,
BANGALORE.

To

The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Submitted for
favour of aid is.
There is something
in which the
"Hephalon" days
on the subject.
See page 1 & 3.

By
(2. 11. 91)

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. $\frac{1423}{19591}$, dated 9th May 1891, directing that in the official correspondence the use of the term "Board" be discontinued, and the designation "Municipal Committee" be adopted, and in reply to submit, for such orders as the Resident may deem fit

fit, Copy of Resolution No. 14
of the Municipal Commissioners
at their monthly meeting on
28th Instant.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t servant

Thommaspath

President.

W.D.

Abstract of Proceedings of an
Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal
Commissioners for the Civil Station
of Bangalore, dated 28 May 1891.

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14. Read. Letter No. $\frac{1423}{19591}$, dated
9th May 1891, from the Assistant
to the Resident, representing that
the use of the term "Board" as
applied to the body of Municipal
Commissioners for the Civil
and Military Station of
Bangalore is unauthorized,
and that it be discontinued,
that the designation "Municipal
Committee" be adopted.

Proposed by Mr. Sansman.
That with due deference to the
orders passed by the British
Resident, in his No. $\frac{1423}{19591}$,
dated 9 May 1891, the Muni-
cipal Commissioners are of
opinion, that the term "Board",
is not only legal, but more
fitly expresses the constituted
body of Commissioners;
and

and request that the Continued
use of the word "Board" be
authorized, as it has already
been hitherto recognized
in all official correspondence.

Seconded by Mrs Olcott.

Carried n. m. con.

159. H. M. S. Ingraham
President

Copy
J. M. Ingraham
President

Extracts

Letter N. 331 of 17th June 1891 from the
Chairman, Municipal Board, Lucknow
(forwarded through the D^o Magte, Lucknow)

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"The body of Municipal Commis-
sioners here is designated a 'board'."

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Letter N. 357 of 22nd June 1891 from
the Chairman, Municipal Committee,
Ajmere.

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The body of the Municipal Commis-
sioners are designated a "Committee" in this
Municipality."

In original letter
See file 370
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